

The Czarina AS A Caricaturist



THE CZARINA'S PICTURE OF TOGO.

ABOUT the last thing one would fancy the wife of an emperor doing is drawing cartoons. Yet that is the favorite occupation of the czarina of Russia. She was about the only member of the imperial household who could see any fun in the war waged so unsuccessfully against Japan. Not that the gentle helpmeet of the emperor was unmindful of the sufferings the war caused, for she is a woman of sympathetic nature and devoted to the welfare of the people over whom her husband rules, but she saw no harm in getting a little amusement out of drawing caricatures of the leading Japanese warriors, exaggerating their physical peculiarities and entertaining the members of her family and the court by these manifestations of her artistic talent. A Russian paper not long since published a number of caricatures of Oyama, Togo, Kuroki, Nodzu, Oku, Nogi and other distinguished Japanese soldiers and stated that the drawings were the work of the empress. Judging by these evidences of her skill, the wife of Nicholas II. might be able to make a respectable living from drawing comic sketches if the Russian revolutionists should succeed in their threats of demolishing her husband's throne and she had to do something to keep the wolf away.

But Marshal Oyama and Admiral Togo and other Japanese fighters are not the only celebrities upon whom the czarina has tried her skill as a caricaturist. She has drawn pictures holding various members of the Russian court up to ridicule, and even the czar himself has not escaped her satire. It was a long time before she ventured to trifle in this way with the dignity of the



THE CZARINA AND HER CARICATURES OF OYAMA AND KUROKI.

"little father." Almost every important member of the court had suffered except the czar, and he repeatedly urged her to try her hand at a sketch of himself. At last she yielded, and the cartoon appeared. It represented the emperor crowned and bearing his scepter, but seated in a baby carriage and drawn with a thread by his mother. The sketch caused much constrained amusement among the courtiers, but the czar professed to be unable to see the point and was anything but pleased with the production. It is said.

The czarina is accomplished in many ways. She can paint as well as sketch and is an expert wood carver. As a Christmas gift for the infant czarowitz last winter she made a toy which is an exact model of the czar's favorite chalet, or summer palace, in the imperial pleasure grounds attached to Tsarskoe-Selo palace. The model, which is beautifully carved in whitewood, is built up of eighty-four separate parts and can be pulled to pieces by the imperial baby. Perhaps it has already been pulled to pieces so often as to have lost its semblance to a chalet.

The czarina can row and swim and is fond of horse and horseback riding. She spends a great deal of her time playing with her children, but is not unmindful of the duties which pertain to her high position, and has given much study to questions relating to the condition of the poor. She has read all the best works on the English poor law and placed herself at the head of the body charged with the arrangements for poor law relief in Russia. Her influence with her husband has been in the direction of reform, but the reactionary and autocratic influences of the courtiers and bureaucrats who surround the ruler have often prevented her ideas from receiving any practical effect. Perhaps it was a realization of this fact that once prompted her to draw a caricature of her imperial spouse representing him as a solemn, bearded infant in long clothes, surrounded by a host of pompous officials armed with feeding bottles.

The Russian empress is regarded as one of the handsomest of the many granddaughters of Queen Victoria. Her mother was Victoria's "Sweet Princess Alice," who married the Grand Duke Louis of Hesse.

MRS. REGINALD DE KOVEN.

the Questions Veracity of the Author of "The Life of Paul Jones."

The life of the naval hero Paul Jones has been much under public discussion of late owing to the finding of his body in Paris by General Horace Porter and its burial at Annapolis with signal honors. All this has given renewed interest to "The Life of Paul Jones," published by the late Colonel Augustus C. Buell in 1900. It was hailed by the critics as the final word on the career of the hero and was read with much avidity by students on account of the attractive glamour thrown by it about his career. But now comes Mrs. Reginald De Koven and says that this life of Jones is a mass of fabrications; that it is based upon a framework of truth and deals in proper sequence with the



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chief events of the hero's career, but "is padded with inventions of clever construction and of unparalleled audacity." Mrs. De Koven classes the book as "the most audacious historical forgery ever put upon a credulous public."

The woman who makes these charges against the veracity of a dead author is the daughter of ex-United States Senator Charles B. Farwell of Illinois. She was born in Chicago in 1860 and is a graduate of Lake Forest university. She married Reginald De Koven, the operatic composer, in 1884. Mrs. De Koven is herself well known as an author, one of her best known works being "By the Waters of Babylon," which she wrote in 1901 and dramatized three years later.

A NOBLE CHARITY.

How Bone Tuberculosis Patients Are Treated at Sea Breeze.

It is estimated that there are 60,000 persons in the United States who are crippled through bone tuberculosis, and the pity of it is that they should remain so all their lives when they might be cured. There are nearly 5,000 such cases in the city of New York, and an effort is being made to give strength, courage and health to as many as possible of these sufferers through treatment at the hospital maintained at Sea Breeze by the New York Association For Improving the Condition of the Poor. Some 20,000 of the poor of the great city are benefited each summer by a longer or shorter stay at Sea Breeze, which is at the northern end of the famous Coney Island. The good done there for persons afflicted with bone tuberculosis is only a part of the large work done by the association.

The salt air and the life out of doors winter and summer have been found



LITTLE MAX, WHO IS CHEERFUL UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

to be very beneficial to such cases where the treatment has been tried on the shores of England and France, and it is expected that the success of the hospital at Sea Breeze will lead to the establishment of others in different parts of the United States. The visit which President Roosevelt paid last summer to Sea Breeze through the invitation of Jacob A. Riis brought the good work done there to public attention as never before. The sight of the children strapped to boards or with their legs in frames is a pitiful one, but they are cheerful and hopeful, for they all expect to be cured, and the medical men say there is good ground for such expectations. They all agree with five-year-old Max: "I don't want to get dead and be an angel. I want to play first."

GOOD IDEAS.

Gold is not everything. One good trick is better than a hundred poor ones. Much sugar is bad for teeth. I have poor fare at home, but I at least live in safety.

The pleasure of doing good is one of the sweetest things in life. Make the best of everything you have and be merry.

A cup of water or a crust of bread when needed is better than gold. 'Tis harder by far to have nothing to do than to work.

Even wasps do some good. Slow and steady wins the race. Live and learn.

Birds with gay feathers are poor singers.

It is better to kill an animal than to let it live in pain.

If you want people to treat you with kindness you must be kind to them.

Men are your friends because you are theirs.

Good children are never lazy and sad. We must try to make others happy then we shall be happy ourselves.

We may be sure, chance did not make this beautiful world of ours.

Time will prove all things. The good sometimes fall.

It is surely very hard since we can't do without them, that our senses should make us so oft wish to doubt them.

It is almost impossible to fight against man, and yet not wish to escape from his rule.

It does not matter that you're born in a duck yard, if one has been hatched from a swan's egg.

A good heart is never proud. Love finds something sweet in the dreariest spot and lightens all labor and pain.

Prior said: "Be to her faults a little blind; be to her virtues very kind."

Man and wife must expect to share sickness and sorrow, health and joy, toil and success, labor and failure, good temper and bad, bright days and dark, loyal friends and time servers. T. C. R.

Take Girl's Name.

Professor H. P. Williamson, of the University of Chicago, head of French and the romance languages, is going to have a romance of his own. Following a mediaeval French custom, he is going to lose his identity in that of a French bride. On 10th he left for Paris to marry Mlle. Alice Azeline Lucie Olympie D'Visme. When he returns to his classes and the troubadour literature in the fall it will be as M. D'Visme. For gen-

erations the D'Visme family has been one of the proudest in France.

Men, as well as watches, are apt to get out of order in the spring.

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Letters of administration in the above estate, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to the said estate, are requested to make payment, and those having claims to present the same without delay, to
LENA LANSBERRY, Adm'r.,
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.
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APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.
Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Thursday the 3rd day of July, 1906, by Byron E. Eckel, Jerry Shaffer, Harry W. Welshans, Harvey A. Lamey, Daniel N. Tyson and Russell Shrack, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations. Approved April 26th, 1867, and the supplements thereto, for the charter of an intended corporation to be called 'THE SUGAR VALLEY TELEPHONE COMPANY,' the charter and object of which is to construct, maintain, purchase, lease and operate telephone and telegraphic lines in the counties of Clinton and Centre, in the State of Pennsylvania, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements.
H. T. HALL,
Solicitor.

APPLICATION FOR CHARTER.
Notice is hereby given that an Application will be made to the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County, on Saturday the seventh day of July, 1906, by W. D. O'Brien, T. B. Buidinger, Lawrence Reading, H. B. Kelley, W. A. Sietel, and others, under an Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of Certain Corporations." Approved April 26th, 1874, and the supplement thereto, for a charter for an intended corporation to be called "THE SNOW SHOE FIRE COMPANY," the purpose and object of which is "to organize, maintain, support and discipline a company of residents of Snow Shoe, Centre County, Pennsylvania and vicinity, for the purpose of protecting and rescuing property and life from fire and other disasters incident thereto, and for that purpose to hold and control necessary real estate, etc., mountain fire engines, books, ladders, etc." And for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges as provided in said Act of Assembly and its supplements.
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